

REMARKS

Claims 21, 26, 28 and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 33-65 have previously been cancelled. Claims 22-24, 27, 30-32 and 66 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. Claims 22-25, 27, 30-32 and 66, 67, 69 and 70 remain pending in the present application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 21, 22 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gregory (U.S. Patent No. 3,710,761).

Applicants have cancelled Claim 21 and the rejection is believed to be moot. Claims 22 and 30 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 69. Accordingly, Applicants believe these claims to be in proper order for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 21-27 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), alleging them to be unpatentable over Gretz (U.S. Patent No. 4,048,051) in view of Gregory and additional tertiary reference.

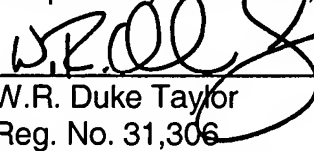
Claim 21 has been cancelled and the rejection is believed to be moot. The dependencies of Claims 22-25, 27 and 30-32 and 66 have been changed to depend from allowed Claim 69. Accordingly, Applicants believe these claims to be in proper order for allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that independent Claim 69 is allowable. Pending Claims 22-25, 27, 30-32, 66, 67 and 70 all depend from Claim 69. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be patentably distinct over the art cited by the Examiner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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